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SUBJECT: GLOBAL INVESTIGATIONS OF POLLUTION IN THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT (GIPME) MEETING IN NEW YORK

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1. DR. GROSS, U.S. NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR GIPME,
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD PROVIDE ADM ALENCASTRO
WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT THOUGHTS
OF THE U.S. ON THE DIRECTION GIPME SHOULD TAKE. DR.
GROSS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS ADM
ALLENCASTRO OR THE NEW BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE MAY
HAVE ON THESE THOUGHTS.

2. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE GIPME
MEETING NEXT MONTH, WE ARE SENDING THIS SAME INFORMA-
TION TO THE OTHER NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR GIPME.

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3. THE U.S. WILL PRESS VIGOROUSLY FOR ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AT GIPME-II. THE U.S. GENERALLY SUPPORTS ADOPTION OF A MASS BALANCE APPROACH AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE GIPME PLAN. THE PROGRAMME FOR THE GLOBAL INVESTIGATION OF POLLUTION IN THE MARINE

ENVIRONMENT (IOC/INF. 198) TABLED BY THE USSR AT GIPME-I PROVIDES A USEFUL BASIS FOR FORMULATING SUCH A PLAN.

4. AS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WOULD BE DONE IN TWO COMPLEMENTARY SCHEMES:

1) REGIONAL STUDIES OF SPECIAL CRITICAL AREAS OR THOSE HAVING HIGH POLLUTION POTENTIAL SUCH AS THE BALTIC SEA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, OR THE PERSIAN GULF.

2) STUDIES OF GLOBALLY DISTRIBUTED POLLUTANTS, STARTING WITH SELECTED CHLORINATED HYDROCARBONS AND PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. OTHER GLOBALLY DISTRIBUTED AND BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE POLLUTANTS COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE GIPME PROGRAM LATER.

5. BOTH ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR GIPME COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH PARALLEL PROGRAMS. SPECIFIC DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL AND SPECIFIC POLLUTANTS STUDIES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BY GIPME TASK TEAMS WORKING INTERSESSIONALLY. TOPICS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THESE TASK TEAMS SHOULD INCLUDE:

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR REGIONAL MASS BALANCE STUDIES, DRAWING UPON EXPERIENCES OF ICES;

(B) DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO STUDY A SELECTED GLOBALLY DISTRIBUTED POLLUTANT (E.G. PETROLEUM, PERSISTENT PESTICIDES, ORGANOHALOGENS ETC.)

(C) DEVELOPMENT OF THE GIPME PROGRAM COMPONENT TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE IGOSS PILOT PROJECT
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ON MARINE POLLUTION MONITORING, PARTICULARLY IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY THE JOINT IOC/WMO TASK TEAM.

6. FOR THE WORK BETWEEN SESSIONS OF THE ICG FOR GIPME THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF TASK TEAMS WORKING PRIMARILY BY CORRESPONDENCE- TASK TEAMS CAN BE ORGANIZED ON A REGIONAL OR TOPICAL BASIS; THE

MEMBERSHIP BEING MADE UP OF EXPERTS APPOINTED BY
MEMBER STATES GENERALLY ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING
NATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE VARIOUS OCEAN REGIONS.

7. A REGIONAL TASK TEAM, ONCE IT HAS DEVELOPED THE
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE REGION, MAY HAVE TO BE

TRANSFORMED INTO A REGIONAL INVESTIGATION GROUP TO
COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES,
TO EVALUATE PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
IMPLEMENTED, AND TO ARRANGE FOR PUBLICATION OR
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